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THE WEATHER.

Boston, July 24.—Local forecast for Boston and vicinity: Fair weather Wednesday, followed by local thunder storms during the night and Thursday, continued warm, light southerly winds.

Washington, July 24.—Forecast Wednesday and Thursday: New England, local rains, thunder storms and cooler Wednesday, Thursday showers followed by fair; fresh southerly winds.

LOCAL WEATHER REPORT.

Portland, July 24, 1900.—The local weather bureau records the following: 8 a. m.—Barometer, 29.98; thermometer, 73.0; dew point, 62; rel. humidity, 69; direction of the wind, SW; velocity of the wind, 2; state of weather, p. cldy; 8 p. m.—Barometer, 29.85; thermometer, 69.0; dew point, 64; rel. humidity, 87; direction of the wind, S; velocity of the wind, 5; state of weather, cldy.

Maximum temperature, 82; minimum temperature, 64; mean temperature, 73; maximum wind velocity, 30 S; precipitation—24 hours, trace.

WEATHER OBSERVATIONS.

The agricultural department weather bureau for yesterday, July 24, taken at 8 p. m., meridian time, the observation for his section being given in this order: Temperature, direction of wind, state of weather:

Boston, 78, S.W. clear; New York, 78, S. cloudy; Philadelphia, 78, S. clear; Washington, 78, S. clear; Buffalo, 70, N.E. cldy; Detroit, 66, N.E. cldy; Chicago, 66, clear; St. Paul, 82, N.W. clear; Huron, Dak., 82, S.W. clear; Birmingham, 80, N.E. p. cldy; Jacksonville, 80, S.E. cldy.

ANOTHER YACHT BLOWN UP.

Syracuse, N. Y., July 24.—Through the explosion of a steam boat connecting with the boiler in the steam yacht Tribby owned and captained by Fred L. Spink of Scriba, Oswego county, three young children lost their lives, one more was frightfully scalded and three other people were more or less burned here at two o'clock this afternoon.

CONFIRMS WORST.

Sir Claude McDonald's Message.

Prelude to News of Massacre London Thinks.

Japanese Minister There Holds The Same View.

Col. Liscum's Terrible Mistake.

Took Wrong Road Which Resulted in Disaster to Ninth.

London, July 25—A. m.—Sir Claude McDonald's message, dated July 4, appealing for relief, is regarded in London as only a prelude to the absolute confirmation of the massacre. This is the opinion also of the Japanese minister here. The newspapers suggest that the British minister's dispatch was held back and released about the same time as Mr. Conger's undated message.

Although the American and British forces are working harmoniously the questions of means of communication between Taku and Peking give evidence of jealousies between the powers; and other despatches from Tien Tsin show that the language difficulty has been hampering the military operations. A despatch to the Daily News from Tien Tsin dated July 14, and describing the fighting, said:

"Col. Liscum mistook the road and was nearly isolated. Gen. Dordard, on a premature report from the Japanese commander that the city had been entered, ordered a general advance, which proved a costly error. Much valuable time was lost and trouble occasioned yesterday afternoon because the messengers between Gen. Fukushima and Gen. Dordard did not understand each other's language."

The Tien Tsin correspondent of the Daily Mail says that when the Chinese regulars saw the Boxers who led the attack, being killed, they began to retire. He asserts that the admiral has decided that it would be useless to move toward Peking without at least 60,000 men.

In an editorial referring to this statement, the Daily Mail comments upon the American proposal to advance with 7000 men. It says:

"We have learned in Africa how dangerous it is to despise our enemies; and, in the interest of civilization, we do not wish to see such a lesson read to the United States by the 'Heathen Chinese.'"

A whole batch of Tien Tsin despatches are published today. All praise the gallantry of the Americans and Japanese. The Standard correspondent says the Americans made a mistake in underestimating the fighting capacity of the Chinese whose fire was really terrific. He expressed some doubt about the ability of the allies to hold the positions captured unless they are reinforced. It appears that large hauls of silver were made by the allies, the metal being carried away in buckets, and the Chinese calmly assisting.

Requests for mediation addressed to foreign powers are interpreted here to be a preparation for the acceptance of foreign aid to repress the rebellion; and Li Hung Chang's statement that the horrible treachery involved in a massacre of the members of the legations, he would absolutely refuse to attempt to negotiate. He said the present intention of the Tsung Li Yamen was to memorialize the Emperor Dowager to revivify the legations and then to arrange to send them to Tien Tsin under the escort of Gen. Sun Wad Lin. He declared that the fighting had ceased and that the foreign troops were holding a position south of the Yu Ho bridge while Gen. Tsung Fuh Sang's forces were on the north.

"Earl Li expressed the intention to wait for news of the movement of the foreign legations before proceeding with the removal of the officials responsible for the crisis. Obviously Li Hung Chang has not changed his views or his methods, while the peculiarity of his arguments is foreboding with age. The impression is gaining ground here that the Manchus are temporizing while preparing to retreat to Hsian Fu. A confidential member of his staff says that Earl Li will not go north until he is convinced that the Emperor Dowager has seen the folly of her present policy."

The Hong Kong correspondent of the Times says that before leaving Li Hung Chang countermanded his order for the Chinese flag to be hoisted on Peking and that they are now encamped outside of Canton.

The Shanghai correspondent of the

DAILY MAIL RECORDS THE GALLANT ACTION OF A JAPANESE SOLDIER DURING THE ATTACK ON THE GATES OF THE CITY OF TIEN TSIN.

UNANSWERABLE QUESTION.

IF CHINESE GOVERNMENT CAN COMMUNICATE WITH POWERS, WHY CANNOT MINISTERS?

London, July 24.—The Chinese minister, Sir Chen Lo Feng Lu, had a long interview with Lord Salisbury this afternoon. The general situation was discussed and the Chinese minister reiterated his belief that the British minister to China, Sir Claude MacDonald, and the other foreigners at Peking, were safe. Lord Salisbury reiterated his demand for direct communication with the minister at Peking. To this request the minister could only renew his protestations that it would be speedily accomplished if feasible. He adduced no new facts to prove his assertions. The interview closed without result.

Despite the Chinese minister's statements and despite Sir Claude MacDonald's letter of July 4, a strong impression continues to prevail at the foreign office that the ministers at Peking were massacred on July 6. The Associated Press correspondent is informed that not one scintilla of evidence is yet in the possession of the foreign office leading them to disbelieve the reports of the murders.

Sir Claude MacDonald's letter, with its account of severe fighting in progress, merely confirms the government's foreboding. Mr. William Pritchard Morgan, member of parliament for Manchester, Lydell, whose knowledge of the legations in China are extensive informed the Associated Press correspondent today that he was positive from cable messages from Peking that the Chinese government's legations were alive July 6. When the foreign office was told this, the rejoinder was made:

"Mr. Morgan has submitted no evidence to convince us of the truth of his statement, however, anxious we may be to believe it."

Consultations are in progress between cabinet ministers and officials as to the course to be pursued should the legations prove to be alive. The contingency of China holding them as hostages, is uppermost in the minds of all although the Associated Press correspondent is official source of the Chinese government's statements have not yet hinted at such action.

Negotiations between the powers have brought out mutual assurances that the military expeditions to China are for the sole purpose of regaining the legations, and that there is no intention to partition China.

Hence, should China agree to deliver the ministers alive no power will have a reason for continuing aggressive military operations except Germany, whose minister is undoubtedly dead, and even Germany, to quote a high British official: "The Chinese government is not likely to be so stupid as to stop all the German flag floated over Peking."

As for the other powers it was emphatically stated that they have unanimously agreed that with the same object in view the ministers' aggressive campaign ends. All rumors of an international agreement regarding the future of China subsequent to the return of the ministers are false. The agreement is purely negative and based upon the lines stated by Secretary Hay of which the independence and integrity of the Chinese empire are essential features.

The imperial edict proves true, the powers, while holding their forces in readiness to enforce demands, will accept pecuniary indemnity.

No territorial propositions will be considered. In common with the other powers Germany must, through arbitration or otherwise gauge the damages by the loss of the life of her minister by a pecuniary sum.

The same rule will apply as to the loss of other lives and destruction of property. At the Chinese legation the Associated Press correspondent was informed that no further news of the Chinese government has been received today and that it was expected that the ministers would soon be sent to Tien Tsin. Secretary Low expressed unstinted praise for the attitude of the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Hay, and declared his implicit belief that the ministers were safe. He said the negotiations with the powers on behalf of China had all been entrusted to the Chinese minister at Washington, Mr. Wu Ting-Fang.

Secretary Low professed utter ignorance of their progress. It may with safety be stated that should the ministers be returned to the Chinese government they will to some extent use them as a lever to compel missionaries and commercial enterprises to moderate their activity, if not to withdraw from the empire entirely.

On this point Mr. William Pritchard Morgan who is in close touch with the Chinese minister said to the Associated Press correspondent that he had good reason to believe the Chinese government had entrusted or would entrust Li Hung Chang with the mission of saying to the powers:

"Look here: If you withdraw your missionaries and give up your concessions, we will be willing to give ample pecuniary remuneration for your losses. We will then deliver your ministers except Germany's alive. Well, if you don't agree, we can't be answerable for the lives of your ministers. We cannot reconcile the majority of our people to the foreign element."

"And who," Mr. Morgan said, "will have the hardihood enough to say to the Chinese 'Go ahead, kill the ministers and we will have the hardihood to take revenge.'"

"I believe that Secretary Hay has adopted the only right course. His action is splendid, whatever the result. I feel confident that the foreign envoys are alive. In my opinion, the reports of their death have been circulated with a view to overshadowing in the minds of Americans and Europeans comparatively minor outrages, which the world would be glad to forgive the moment it was disclosed that the ministers were alive."

While this explanation has been seriously considered by the foreign office, it is regarded as almost too ingenious even for Chinamen.

SHOWING THEIR HANDS.

Plans of France and Russia For Dividing The Spoils.

Tien Tsin, Saturday, July 21.—The Russians announce their intention to

keep control of the entire railway line between Taku and Peking until the conclusion of hostilities, when they propose, they say to restore it to the Chinese.

LETTER FROM SIR CLAUDE.

London, July 24.—The foreign office has received a despatch from the British consul at Tien Tsin dated July 31, stating that he had just received a letter from Sir Claude MacDonald, the British minister at Peking, and dated July 4, appealing for relief.

There were enough provisions at the legation to last a fortnight, the letter said, but the garrison was unequal to the task of holding out against a determined attack for many days.

WOULD KILL GOEBEL.

Caleb Powers Said to Have So Stated.

Georgetown, Ky., July 24.—This was the most eventful day of the trial of Caleb Powers, charged with complicity in the Goebel shooting, since the hearing of testimony began nearly two weeks ago. The testimony was nearly all corroborative.

The prosecution was granted a writ against managers of both telegraph offices at Frankfort requiring them to bring into court all telegrams sent through the offices between December 22, 1899, and February 25, 1900. Writs were also granted against both the secretary of state and the Associated Press, requesting them to bring the executive journal and other records.

Editor MacDonald of Frankfort, testified that on January 30, a few minutes before the shooting, he saw W. H. Cullen and another whom he thought was State Inspector Lester, standing at the point where Goebel fell shortly afterwards. On Saturday prior to the shooting, a man named Lydell, whom he thought was a man run down the steps from the executive hall and call to a crowd of mountaineers: "Go and get your guns, it's time for the shooting to begin."

Representative Bason-Sixt, a Republican, had just been seated. Witness did not know the man. E. P. Thompson, Jr., was standing on the street nearly opposite the executive hall when the shooting took place, and saw Goebel fall. The shots sounded as if they were fired from the executive building or between the legislative and executive buildings.

Frank Lenny, a Frankfort merchant, whose store is on Broadway opposite the statehouse yard, heard the shots and ran to his front door and saw Goebel's body on the pavement. No one was near. He did not see either Jack Chinn or Eph Lillard.

R. H. Berryman of Frankfort was the last witness at the morning session. His direct testimony did not elicit anything new.

At the afternoon session, Miss Ella Smith of Barboursville, told of a conversation between John Powers and herself on January 10. They were regretting the reason for the hearing of Powers at Frankfort that day and Powers said there would be more bloodshed at Frankfort if Goebel was seated. Witness was surprised at this statement and said: "Oh, Mr. Powers, you would not be willing to kill him would you?"

Then Powers replied that he would. James Fletcher of Knox county testified that he heard John Powers say in December: "Taylor has been elected governor and if any effort is made to count him out, Goebel will never be seated."

F. Dazler of Knox county testified he heard Charles Finley, then secretary of State, tell Caleb Powers early in December, that he would leave a shot gun loaded with buckshot in the office of the Associated Press, and advised Powers to use it if any attempt was made to unseat him. The court excluded this testimony on the ground that it was not competent.

George Lockhart of Knox county told of arranging with Powers to go armed to Frankfort for a month. Powers told him he would be paid if Taylor won the contest.

THE NEELY HEARING.

General Laxity About Handling Funds in Post Office Shown.

New York, July 24.—The hearing in the extradition case of Charles W. Neely was continued today with George Marshall of the finance department in Cuba on the witness stand. He yesterday detailed in detail the management of the post office in Havana, and the finance department in particular.

Today United States District Attorney Burnett of the prosecution, paid particular attention to the financial management of the post office, and to the fact that the post office, had its outer door always opened and that there was a general laxity about handling the funds.

Counsel for the defense, brought out on cross-examination that the employees of the office all had access to the safe as well as the employees of the money order bureau, who kept their money order blanks in the safe. Several employees had access to the safe; the door was never locked and the money was placed in three drawers in plan view and of easy access.

Major Eugene F. Ladd, treasurer of the island of Cuba, testified various depositions made with him. Until April 15, money was deposited with the North American Trust company to his credit, but since then he had been deposited with the Major personally.

At the afternoon hearing, pending a discussion between counsel on the act of Congress which says: "No money shall be returned until the court (in the United States) shall be of the opinion that he will receive a fair and impartial trial." Lawyer Lindsay asked for an adjournment for two days so that he could go over the mass of evidence and prepare a brief. Mr. Burnett objected to any delay. Judge LaCombe, however, allowed until Thursday, August 2 for the filing of briefs and said that after they were filed he would set a time for the next hearing. He said that he hoped to finish the examination of the briefs by the following Monday which is August 6.

Both the government and defense then rested their case.

A NEW ELEMENT.

London, July 25.—A new element has entered into the South African campaign with the receipt of news that General Carrington, with his Rhodesian force has had his fight, attacking the Boers and carrying their position on Selous river Monday after a sharp engagement. General Carrington lost four killed and nineteen wounded.

CHINA'S TURN NOW

State Department Waiting For Reply.

No Faith in Success of Mediation.

No Doubt Government is Delaying International Advance.

Ministers are Looked For at Tien Tsin.

How Messages are Transmitted in China.

Washington, July 24.—The State Department is again in a waiting attitude regarding China. It has frankly, promptly and fully answered the Chinese emperor's appeal for mediation and the correspondence given publicly today makes it appear that the next move is for the Chinese government. It is expected to accept or reject our terms at once and in either case the answer must convey tidings of the state of affairs at Peking and the welfare of the legations.

The belief is not concealed here that the chances for successful mediation are slight. Mediation cannot be forced upon a party to a cause; it must be acceptable to all the parties. If the United States is to mediate in China's interests she must first secure the assent of all the powers who have suffered in life or property at Peking. The difficulties in the way of such an undertaking are likely to be many and serious in view of the exhibition of feeling in Europe.

But it is said here that the United States will cheerfully undertake the task provided its conditions are met. If it does not succeed in inducing the European powers to be lenient in their treatment of the imperial government of China, the United States government will not be drawn into further hostilities after we have taken care of our own affairs, but we will withdraw taking care, however, to let it be understood that this government will not allow its proper interests in China to be injured by the action of any of the powers that may choose to remain obstinate.

At least one of the greatest of the powers is under strong suspicion here of acting cold-bloodedly and without regard to sentiment or anything more than the most material of considerations. It is believed here that this power is quickly taking measures to drop out of the league at Tien Tsin and conduct a campaign on its own account against Peking and it is even suspected that this power is already moving troops toward the Chinese capital.

One fact regarded as now beyond need of further demonstration in view of the Chinese appeal is that the Chinese officials at the coast ports are actually in communication with whatever remains of the imperial government at Peking and the text of Kwang's appeal appears to establish the fact that the Chinese government itself is sanctioning the resistance to the international advance upon Peking.

The State Department and the Chinese legation substantially agree in the estimate of six to eight days as the time necessary to get a reply to the President's answer to the appeal of the Chinese government. According to the best informed here, urgent messages are being transmitted between Peking and Shanghai by the "Flying Express" mentioned in Consul Fowler's cablegram a few days ago. This, according to the Chinese is a relay system of messenger messengers similar to the old pony service across the plains and is used when the wire communication is interrupted. The relay riders make about two hundred miles a day. It is four hundred miles from Shanghai to Peking and this seems to agree very well with the speed made in forwarding and returning the Conger message. Assuming Chung's despatch to the legation was on foot on the 18th inst. to get the foreign ministers started from Peking to Tien Tsin under escort of imperial troops, the state department would not be surprised to get definite news of their arrival from the headquarters of the allied forces in a short time. The distance from Tien Tsin to Peking is 75 miles and at this season the trip is usually made by rail from Peking to Tong Choo, a point of the Pei Ho, twelve miles below the capital, and the remainder of the way by boat. This trip now would take four days, supposing the escort of imperial troops is met with no resistance from the insurgents. If the move from Peking was within two days after Seng's information was received, it would be possible that the legations and their escort are now in touch with the headquarters of the allies, always supposing that nothing serious happened to the party on the road.

LACK BASE NEAR CHINA.

Washington, July 24.—The Navy department is preparing for possible eventualities arising out of the situation in China. One of the great difficulties which would confront the United States in the event of naval warfare in Chinese waters is the lack of a naval base close to the scene of operations. Manila is 300 miles from Taku, while some of the other powers have bases within striking distance. England has a base at Wei Lai Wei and a coaling station at Che

Foo; Russia has a naval base at Port Arthur and Germany one at Kaichia.

ANARCHY IN PEKIN.

Boxers Getting Much the Best of the Fighting.

CHINESE REGULARS.

Have Been Doing Most of Fighting Against Allies.

Berlin, July 24.—The Berliner Post prints this evening an important article on the Chinese situation understood to emanate from the German foreign office. The article discusses the close relation between Chinese politics and Chinese military plans and points out the significant fact that the peaceful assurances of Chinese statesmen did not begin until after the success of the allies at Tien Tsin, suggesting that this is something more than a mere coincidence.

The writer strongly argues that hitherto the course of events in China utterly contradicts the official Chinese position. Chinese officialdom which is that the government is blameless for the warlike steps of the Chinese against the allies.

At Taku and Tien Tsin," says the article, "it was almost exclusively a force of regular Chinese troops that fought the allies. The leadership of these troops was in the hands of imperial generals; and it is also a fact that the troops which compelled Admiral Seymour's retreat were imperial soldiers commanded by an imperial general. According to all the information we have from Peking, the regular soldiers have made common cause with the so-called rebels. Otherwise the present anarchy there would have been impossible. Considering the usual Chinese system toward foreigners, it is highly probable that this anarchy is gladly tolerated by the actual authorities in order to prove to the powers the impotence of the government."

"The stubbornness of the battles around Tien Tsin," continues the writer, "shows that the Chinese political and military calculations were able to achieve favorable results at first. If the allies had not succeeded at Tien Tsin where the situation was for two weeks doubtful, Chinese politics would have scored a success whose consequences would have been incalculable."

The articles concludes as follows: "Whether Chinese statesmanship is to succeed in hindering an energetic and intelligent plan of operations by the allies, the future will show; but the plans of the allies will be at a disadvantage against the Chinese just so soon as a lack of harmony in military aims appears."

This evening's papers devote considerable attention to President Roosevelt's attempt to mediate, and the comment is all unfavorable. Surprise is generally expressed that Washington takes Chinese official news seriously.

RUSSIA INFORMED

That Ministers Will Be Sent to Tien Tsin Under Escort.

St. Petersburg, July 24.—The Chinese embassy in St. Petersburg has received a despatch from Tsung Li Yamen through Sheng, director general of railways and telegraphs, to the effect that the foreign ministers in Peking were safe on July 18 and that it was proposed to send them to Tien Tsin under the protection of imperial troops.

Advices from Manchuria indicate that the Chinese had concocted careful plans to cut off and annihilate various small Russian detachments; but according to the latest report the Russian operations are being successfully carried on.

The Russian general of staff considers the information received re-assuring and hopes for a speedy restoration of order in the northern sections of the Manchurian railway.

JAPAN'S INFLUENCE.

Yokohama, July 24.—It is reported that the Japanese foreign minister has been in constant communication with the southern viceroys of China, urging them to mobilize troops and to march northward to restore peace and order.

After the capture of Tien Tsin, he again enjoined upon them the expediency of placing themselves alongside the foreign troops, thereby showing China's determination to crush the rebels and to fulfill the treaty obligations of China.

The viceroys hesitated; it is said, to accept the responsibility; but it is believed that they used their influence in Peking, with the result that the emperor's party resented the course of China.

STILL BELLING IT.

Brussels, July 24.—In the Chamber of Deputies today the minister of foreign affairs, M. De Faverma, read a telegram from the viceroy of Nanking, Liu Kun Yi, declaring that the foreign legations were safe. M. De Faverma added:

"Only a despatch from the Belgian minister in Peking can calm the legitimate emotion felt throughout Belgium."

"Meanwhile the Belgian government has given the Belgians in China an authorization to enlist in the international corps and to place themselves under the protection of the foreign armies. The government favors sending a Belgian expedition to China, which appears to be the best of all courses."

PORTLAND WOMEN SAFE.

Boston, July 24.—The American board has received a letter from Frances D. Wilder, of Tien Tsin, dated July 15, saying: "I assume that messages reach Boston and you know of the burning of Tung Cho college and escape of the missionaries. All missionaries in Peking, Beijing and Amoy are safe at Peking and are on their way to Japan on the British gunboat now there. A telegram from Pao Ting-Fu last night says all are yet safe, but danger imminent. Mr. Plotkin, Miss Merrill and Miss Gould are there, and eleven others of Presbyterian and Lutheran China missions. The viceroys here says they are safe as long as they stay there."

FROM MINISTER.

Chinese Government Again Reports Them Safe.

Washington, July 24.—The Chinese minister received a despatch this morning from Sheng, the director of railways and telegraphs at Shanghai, stating that the foreign ministers are to be sent from Peking to Tien Tsin under escort; also the Imperial government has not only been protecting them, but has supplied them with food.

The Sheng telegram was made public at the State Department in the following statement: "Minister Wu visited the State Department this morning (July 24), and handed to the acting secretary of state the following text of a cable message, explaining that it was a cablegram from Director General Sheng at Shanghai, dated July 23, 1900, to the Chinese minister at London, by whom it had been retransmitted to Minister Wu and received by the latter on the night of the same day: 'News from Peking of 22nd day of sixth moon, corresponding to July 18, says Wen Jul, by direction of the Tsung Li Yamen, went to see the various foreign ministers and found not one of them harmed. Jung Lu proposes to memorialize imperial government to supply them with provisions at once and then advise plans to detail troops to escort them to Tien Tsin. This communication accords with the publication made in London yesterday and printed in the American newspapers of this morning.'"

W. W. Rockwell, who has been selected as special commissioner for the Treaty of Commerce to China, returned to Washington today from Block Island and began immediately preparing for his long journey.

GEN. CHAFFEE IN CHINA.

Washington, July 24.—The transport Grange with Gen. Chaffee on board, will arrive at Nagasaki tomorrow.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Portland, July 25, 1900.

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RUSSIANS LOST HEAVILY.

St. Petersburg, July 24.—A despatch which has been received here from Gen. Grodekoff, at Khabarovsk, dated July 23, reports that the steamer Odesa, which left Chabin July 16, brought tidings of the Russian forces that left To Lin, July 7, en route to Chabin. It appears that the men started with a large convoy of Chinese Christians, women and children. After constant fighting, which was often at close quarters, and with bayonet, they were again attacked by Boxers, July 13. The Russians lost heavily and ran short of ammunition. At last accounts they were threatened by 15,000 Boxers. Gen. Grodekoff considers the situation as bad. Attacks are daily threatened and rebels and marauders are overrunning Manchuria. The General says the local governors have little authority and that fanatics dominate the situation.

FRENCH BOXERS.

Paris, July 24.—It has just leaked out that a plot existed at the end of June to assassinate the Chinese minister here, Yu Keng, or a member of the legation at Paris. The secretary of the legation, Major Parma, an Italian, in an interview today, admitted that a report in circulation to that effect was true. Major Parma says: "Six men, whose nationality has not been established, conspired to secure entry to the legation and assassinate with knives. The conspired of police took measures to wreck the project and nothing has since been heard of it."

PRESIDENT'S ANSWER.

Inform Chinese Government Upon What Terms He Will Mediate.

Washington, July 24.—The following correspondence between the President of the United States and the Emperor of China was made public by the state department today:

Translation of a cablegram received by Minister Wu on July 20th, 1900, from the Taotai of Shanghai, dated July 19th, 1900:

Have received a telegram from Governor Yuan (of Shan Tung) dated 23rd day of this month (July 10th) who, having received from the privy council (at Peking) a despatch embodying the Imperial letter to the President of the United States has instructed me to transmit it to Your Excellency. The Imperial message is respectfully transmitted as follows: His Excellency, the President of the United States. Greeting.

China has long maintained friendly relations with the United States and is deeply conscious that the object of the United States is international commerce. Neither country entertains the least suspicion or distrust toward the other. Recent outbreaks of mutual antipathy between the people and Christian missions caused neither power to view with suspicion the position of the Imperial government as favorable to the people and prejudicial to the missions, with the result that the Taku forts were attacked and captured. Consequently there has been clashing of the forces with calamitous consequences. The situation has become more and more serious and critical. We have just received a telegramic memorial from our envoy Wu Ting-fang, and it is highly gratifying to us to learn that the United States government, having in view the friendly relations between the two countries, has taken an interest in the present situation. Now China, driven by the irresistible course of events, has unfortunately incurred well known universal indignation. For setting the present difficulty, China places special reliance in the United States. We address this message to Your Excellency in all sincerity and candor with the hope that Your Excellency will devise measures and take the initiative in bringing about a concert of the powers for the restoration of order and peace. The favor of a kind reply is earnestly requested and awaited with the greatest anxiety.

Kwangshu Su, 26th year, sixth moon 23rd (July 19, 1900). It is therefore my duty to transmit the above with the request that Your Excellency, in respectful obedience of Imperial wishes, will deliver the same to its high destination and favor me with a reply.

Yu Lien Yuen (Taotai at Shanghai). Kwangshu Su, 26th year, 6th moon, 23rd day (July 19th, 1900).

This cablegram was at once communicated to the President at Canton, and the following is his reply:

Emperor of China.

Greeting: I have received Your Majesty's message of the 19th of July, and am glad to know that Your Majesty recognizes the fact that the government of the United States desires of China nothing but what is just and equitable. The purpose for which we landed troops in China was the rescue of our legation from grave danger, and the protection of the lives and property of Americans who were sojourning in China in the enjoyment of rights guaranteed them by treaty and by international law. The same purposes are publicly declared by all the powers which have landed military forces in Your Majesty's empire. I am to infer from Your Majesty's letter that the malefactors who have disturbed the peace of China, who have murdered and captured Your Majesty's subjects, and who have violated the rights of the legation, and a number of the Japanese legation, and who held besieged in Peking these foreign diplomats who still survive, have not only not received any favor or encouragement from Your Majesty, but are actually in rebellion against the Imperial authority. If this be the case, I must solemnly urge you, or your Majesty's government, to give public assurance whether the foreign ministers are alive and if so, in what condition.

2.—To put the diplomatic representatives of the powers in immediate and free communication with their respective governments and to remove all danger to their lives and liberty.

3.—To place the Imperial authorities of China in communication with the allied expedition so that co-operation may be secured between them for the liberation of the legations, the protection of foreigners and the restoration of order.

If the objects are accomplished, it is the belief of this government that no obstacles will be found to exist on the part of the powers to an amicable settlement of all the questions arising out of the recent troubles and that the friendly good offices of this government will, with the assent of the other powers, be cheerfully placed at Your Majesty's disposition for that purpose.

By the President, John Hay, Secretary of State.

The Chinese appeal is unquestionably an adroit production. The President's answer is equally clever and adroit; here, that is the opinion of the officials here who have carefully studied it both.

The President has succeeded in asking for conditions precedent to mediation quite as valuable as those he has asked Europe, yet he has so tempered his requirements as to make them unobjectionable to the Chinese government. At the same time there is nothing in the note to which the European chancelleries can object, openly at least.

The President expressly states that his mediation is subject to the approval of the powers; he will not attempt to force it upon Europe. And the Chinese government must produce the ministers in safety.

Minister Wu declares that his government will meet that obligation in proof of which he produced Sheng's telegram, in which he expressed implicit confidence. Certainly if the last promise is baseless, the Chinese government is party to one of the most baseless and despicable lies upon another nation in the estimation of the state department. The department does not doubt Minister Wu's sincerity in any case and as for that official, he is so confident that the United States government is the only one in the world to which China can look for fair and friendly treatment, that he has exhausted every effort personally, by appeal and otherwise, to save the foreign ministers in Peking if possible, but at any rate to ensure the safety of Mr. Conger.

GERMANY'S REPLY.

Berlin, July 24.—Count Von Buelow has replied to China that the German government cannot mediate so long as the fate of the legations and other foreigners in China were not ascertained and so long as the Chinese government has not atoned for the murder of the German minister.

FAMINE IN TIEN TSIN.

Shanghai, Monday, July 23.—The following despatch from the Associated Press correspondent at Tien Tsin reached here today, having been delayed 20 days in transmission:

Famine and pestilence are sure to strike the region of Tien Tsin soon. Hundreds of thousands of Chinamen are leaving their homes in the districts where fighting is going on without means of support. EXPECT TO HEAR FROM PICHON.

Paris, July 25, 12.30 a. m.—M. Del Casse, minister of foreign affairs, has received a telegram from the French consul in Shanghai, dated July 23, which says:

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"Li Hung Chang has just assured me that M. Pichon (French minister to China) is living; and he has agreed to transmit to him a message from me requesting a reply within five days."

BRAVE DEEDS AT TIEN TSIN

Further Particulars of Fighting and Incomplete List of Casualties.

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Tien Tsin, Saturday, July 14.—Via Che Foo, July 16, and Shanghai, July 24.—The 9th regiment, U. S. Infantry, entered the fight at Tien Tsin with 430 men. An incomplete list of casualties shows 18 killed, 75 wounded and two missing. The Marines had 4 killed and 18 wounded.

First Lieut. Henry Leonard of the marine corps, carried Lieut. Butler from the field under a large fire. He was shot in the upper arm while returning, but ran and swam a mile under fire, getting to the rear. His arm was amputated today. Capt. Charles R. Noyes, who had been slightly wounded in the arm and leg, swam a mile with only his nose above water, with a request for reinforcements.

First Lieut. Louis B. Lawton of the 9th Infantry made a dash for reinforcements under fire and received three slight wounds. The ninth was ordered to support the Japanese who were receiving an enfilading fire. After crossing a mud wall half a mile from the city wall the 9th shifted advancing against the flanking fire and reached a marsh beside the river at the southwest corner of the city. A body of Chinese in a burned village under the wall just across the river, where they were strongly barricaded, poured in a fire and whenever an American raised a head he was shot. A Nordenfeldt gun and two small cannons were also trained upon them. They lay in the ditch, without a surgeon to attend their wounded and were unable to move or help the wounded without food and the exhausted their ammunition except a few rounds which were retained in order to repeat a charge if it should be made.

None expected to escape. A few reaching the rear, and half of the command had been killed or wounded, including prostrations in the estimate.

After the Americans had retired under cover of the darkness, they struggled back to Tien Tsin. The soldiers, pitifully exhausted and carrying their wounded. The American hospital was crowded and short of surgeons, there having been no expectation of such losses.

Today squads searched the fields, collecting the dead and wounded. Col. Liscum's body was escorted to a boat this evening by two battalions of English troops, with a general and a colonel at their head. Lieut. Col. Coolidge, who is now commanding the regiment, and Major Lee, were among the pall bearers. The chaplain of the marine corps read the service at the graves. The body will be shipped to San Francisco.

The total losses of the allies were about 800. The Japanese estimated their killed at 60 and wounded at 550. The Russians estimate their casualties at 150.

All day long the work of bringing in the dead and wounded was continued. The Japanese were the heroes of the battle. Their fighting was remarkably brave and was marked by all their old leagues. When some of the foreign officers counselled retreat last night, the Japanese general said: "When my men move, it will be forward."

This morning they charged the breaches in the wall made by the artillery and fought hand to hand in the streets. Their conduct after the fighting was equally brave and was marked by all their old leagues. When some of the foreign officers counselled retreat last night, the Japanese general said: "When my men move, it will be forward."

Dead Chinamen cover the walls and streets of Tien Tsin. The place was full of munitions of war. Many fires have been started and most of the city will probably be burned. The Chinese are retreating towards Peking.

IN BOMB PROOF.

A Report From Tien Tsin Says Foreigners are Living in One at Peking.

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Tien Tsin, 6 p. m., Sunday, July 15, via Che Foo, July 17, and Shanghai, July 24.—Chinese from the walled city report that the foreigners in Peking are living, having taken shelter in a bomb-proof. About 7000 Chinese were engaged in the battle here July 13. More are coming from Peking.

Gen. Nieh was imprisoned because he opposed making war on the foreigners, but afterward was released on the condition that he fight them. To this he acceded with lukewarmness. After the battle he committed suicide. A large part of the walled city was burned last night and today the Chinese held a perfect orgy, plundering, smashing and fighting like demons over stores of silk, furs and jewelry. Hundreds of dead Chinamen along the walls or women among the smoking ruins, are lying among the smoking ruins.

It is reported that some correspondents, have in their despatches, asserted that Gen. Doward thinks Col. Liscum blundered in taking the 9th regiment to the right instead of to the left and the 9th is strained between the Americans and British.

The fact is the greatest harmony and cooperation exists. Gen. Doward has asked the names of Americans to report them for gallantry. The doctors decided not to amputate Lieut. Leonard's arm. All the wounded are doing well.

A QUESTION OF GUNS.

London, July 24.—The Globe's naval correspondent at Tien Tsin writes: "Admiral Kempf has raised a storm in a tea cup on the salute question. He is second in command of the station and thus entitled to 11 guns as rear admiral, and this was recently given him by the Endymion at Yokohama. He claimed 13 guns, stating that no American admiral got 11 guns, their values being: rear admiral, 17; vice-admiral, 15; rear admiral, 13. The Chinese, however, just started the grade of admiral is probably Kempf thought out the regulations in pure ignorance, as there appears to be no reason why a United States admiral should be worth more points than any other rear admiral. To his protest Rear Admiral Kempf was informed that the captain of the Endymion had 11 guns as many guns as he wanted. It is sufficient powder on the ship, but until they published their regulations we had to go by ours. The Orlando (British armored ship), arrived here, kept on taking of his squabble and rubbed it in by saluting the Russian rear admiral with 13 guns, then the United States rear admiral with 11 guns."

Tien Tsin, Tuesday, July 3. Famine and pestilence are sure to strike the region of Tien Tsin soon. Hundreds of thousands of Chinamen are leaving their homes in the districts where fighting is going on without means of support. EXPECT TO HEAR FROM PICHON.

Paris, July 25, 12.30 a. m.—M. Del Casse, minister of foreign affairs, has received a telegram from the French consul in Shanghai, dated July 23, which says:

guns. Whether distance made it difficult for them to distinguish the number or a delicate hint was intended, the Newark had the good taste to return 13."

JAPANESE TROOPS

Set Good Example By Their Behavior at Tien Tsin.

Washington, July 24.—The following telegram has been received from the Japanese minister for foreign affairs under date of the 23d inst, and is the report of the Japanese consul at Tien Tsin who wired it on the 21st:

"The Japanese troops behaved admirably and maintained strict discipline after the fall of Tien Tsin city. The Chinese who remained in the city and those who lived outside came to the Japanese quarters with a large flag bearing an inscription expressing their submission to Japan and showed their appreciation of the unexceptionable behavior of our troops. They also brought to our sentry cake, fruit and tea in token of their friendly feeling. Our troops are thus gaining the confidence and respect of the native population."

"Tien Tsin city is occupied by the troops of four powers in the following sections, namely, from the north gate to the east gate, by the Japanese; from the east gate to the south by the Americans; from the south to the west by the English; and from the west to the north by the French; while the Russians are in possession of the town and villages on the left banks of the Pei Ho and the canal."

"A conference was held by the general and the commanding officers of the allied forces with a view to organizing military government in the city and it was decided, after a long discussion to appoint three administrators with equal powers from among officers of the three powers, Japan, England and Russia. And finally the following officers were chosen: Lieut. Col. Aoki, (Japanese); Lieut. Col. Bower, (English); and Col. Wainack, (Russian)."

Upon the departure of Admiral Seymour for Taku, Admiral Anseff has the seniority among the commanding officers here. It is admitted by all foreigners here, military and civilian, that the fall of the city was mainly due to the gallantry of the Japanese forces."

WON'T LOSE PAY.

Story of Cut in Salaries of Cuban Teachers Denied by Gen. Wood.

Boston, Mass., July 24.—General Wood, Governor General of Cuba, arrived at the Touraine this evening. In an interview concerning the Cuban teachers, and the report that they are to lose \$120 each of their salaries General Wood said: "The first I heard of such a thing was this morning. The whole trouble has been due to a mistake in the issuing of an order in Cuba since I left, wherein the date of August 1 was used instead of December 1. It may be stated with as much emphasis as possible that the Cuban teachers at Cambridge are not to have their salaries reduced, and that there is nothing whatever to interfere with them in completing their course in which they are now engaged at Harvard."

ANOTHER TROLLEY CAR COLLISION.

Lynn, Mass., July 24.—A rear-end collision occurred on the Lynn and Boston street railway at Lynnhurst, this evening, in which a special car from Wakefield for Lynn crashed into the rear of the regular car at the bottom of a heavy grade at a turn in the road. Motorman Farne of the special was caught in the wreck of the dasher and at the Lynn hospital he had not regained consciousness at a late hour tonight. Concussion of the brain is feared. The passengers were not injured beyond a severe shaking up.

NASHVILLE AT NAGASAKI.

Washington, July 24.—The gunboat Nashville in command of Capt. Rodgers which conveyed the battleship Oregon to the dock at Kure, Japan, has arrived at Nagasaki. The Oregon reached Kure about a week ago, and nothing has been heard from Capt. Willard, her commander since he was authorized to patch up the great battleship with temporary repairs in order that he might return to the Chinese coast. The Nashville will go into dry dock at Nagasaki. After she has been cleaned, she will return to Chinese waters either to Che Foo or Shanghai.

JERRY SIMPSON TURNED DOWN.

Ferr Scott, Kas., July 24.—The feature of today's proceedings in the Populist, Democratic and Silver Republican state conventions which met here today in order that he might return to the Chinese coast. The Nashville will go into dry dock at Nagasaki. After she has been cleaned, she will return to Chinese waters either to Che Foo or Shanghai.

CHILD FOUND IN DOCK.

Essexport, July 24.—Frank Mous, an Assyrian child, three years of age, strayed from home today, was found by his mother in the dock, where he had been drowned. He had been dead about an hour when discovered.

AN ELEVATOR BURNED.

Buffalo, N. Y., July 24.—Fire tonight destroyed the Eastern elevator, which is situated on the island opposite the foot of Washington street. The elevator has contents were valued at \$750,000, and are a total loss.

THREE MORE BODIES FOUND.

New York, July 24.—The men engaged in cleaning up the Saale at Hoboken tonight, came upon the remains of three more bodies. They appear to have been men and were badly burned before being drowned.

FOUGHT TO DRAW.

Chicago, July 24.—Tommy Ryan of Syracuse and Jack Root of Chicago fought to draw at Tattersalls tonight. Neither had any marked advantage during the six rounds.

BURGARS GOT NOTHING.

Biddeford, July 24.—An entrance was forced some time during the night to the office of the Portland Kerosene Oil company, located near the Eastern railroad station, but nothing was taken as far as can be learned. The door of the office was opened with the aid of a jimmy, judging from the appearance of the room a thorough search was made for booty.

LOST HIS FINGERS.

Biddeford, July 24.—James E. Moody, who lives in Bacon court, Saco, tried to jump over a fence at Orchard last night near the Camp Ground. He met with poor success and fell under the wheels, losing all the fingers on his right hand, with the exception of his thumb. He also has a bad scar on his neck resolved from his contact with the truth. He was picked up and carried to Old Orchard where his wounds were dressed by a physician.

BIDDEFORD BOY MISSING.

Biddeford, July 24.—Arthur Hevey, the 13-year-old son of Napoleon Hevey, a second hand in No. 3 Peppercorn street, who lives at No. 39 Vetromile street, left home Monday morning at 10 o'clock and has not been seen since. It is feared that he went swimming and was drowned.

HAVE NO CLUE.

Police Haven't Found the Highwaymen.

Several Men Arrested Yesterday on Suspicion.

But They All Proved Themselves Innocent.

Young Boulett Victim of the Affair Still in the City.

Nothing has happened in this city for many months which has created as much talk and excitement as the hold-up of young Joseph Boulett, a bright young French-Canadian, on Monday night, on Portland bridge, and the attempt which was made after robbing him of effectually silencing him forever by throwing him over the railing into the water. Yesterday morning the police found the young man's story to be confirmed by discovering the young man who aided in pulling him from the water. This young man is named James E. Talbot. He was returning home from Knightville when he saw a large man who was well dressed, but whom he did not know, leaning over the railing of the bridge, holding on to something and calling for assistance. Talbot ran to aid him and helped pull Boulett out of the water. The young man's clothes were soaked with water and it was all that the two men could do to get him on to the bridge.

Fortunately for young Boulett the large, well-dressed man came along the bridge just in time to hear his shouts for help and to aid in pulling him out. This man the police would like to interview, as he may prove of assistance in locating the men who committed the robbery and then tried to drown the young French-Canadian.

All day yesterday the police were hunting about and running down all possible clues which might lead to a discovery of the robbers. They first found a young man who had been seen on the bridge about the time young Boulett was robbed and from him learned of other young men who had been seen hanging about the bridge. These they also succeeded in finding and they were brought into the office of the city marshal late last evening and interviewed, but they told straight stories and proved that they were no where near the bridge at the time young Boulett says he was thrown into the water.

Yesterday morning two men took the train at Westbrook Junction for Buxton over the Rochester division of the Boston & Maine. They acted very strangely and as it happened seemed to be about the same size and were dressed about the same way as were the three men who robbed Boulett. The station agent informed the Portland police and they in turn got news to Sheriff Despeaux. The result was that the sheriff had the men traced at Buxton and arrested. They told a straight story and said they had just arrived in Portland yesterday morning by means of the Boston boat. The Portland officers looked over the passenger list of the Boston boat and found that the men had told the truth. They were thereupon immediately released.

The South Portland officers were working all day yesterday on this case and it was rumored late last night that they had under arrest two men whom they suspected as being connected with the hold-up and robbery, but the story could not be confirmed. The police believe that the robbers were strangers in Portland.

Young Boulett is still in the city, but is to return to Canada on Thursday. He is a very bright young man and has made a favorable impression upon all whom he has seen him.

DRANK BUTTERMILK.

Three Children in Lowell Die From Ptomaine Poisoning.

Lowell, Mass., July 24.—Mrs. Thomas E. Egan, aged 35, whose three children died within a period of ten days from ptomaine poisoning, passed away at the Lowell General hospital this afternoon, from a similar cause. Arsenical poisoning has been suggested as the trouble, but three physicians who performed an autopsy on the second child who died, declared that not the slightest indication of arsenic was found in the stomach. Subsequent chemical and bacteriological tests have verified their statements. Just how the poison was introduced is not known, but it is supposed to have come from buttermilk, of which all of the members of the family drank freely on June 29. While at the Lowell General hospital under treatment for ptomaine poisoning, Mrs. Egan became the mother of a perfectly healthy boy. Doubt as to the nature of the poisoning arose from the test by a local expert of samples of well water taken from wells used by the Egan family. The expert found arsenic in the water. The state board of health took samples, tested them, but found no arsenic. Other samples are now being tested by the state board of health.

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\$1.25 Black Stripe Brocade, 79c
\$1.00 Black Peau de Soie, 79c
\$1.25 Black Peau de Soie, 98c
\$1.75 Black Moire Silk Poplins for Petticoats, 98c
\$1.75 Black Moire Silk, 98c
\$1.49 Black Peau de Soie, \$1.09

Rare Ripes in Fancy Silks.

Fancy Waist Silk, having corded stripes, \$1.00 kind for 79c
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Basket Stripes, alternating with some solid colors, \$1.50 kind for 98c

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THE COURTS.

THE LAW COURT.

The Cumberland docket still engrosses the attention of the Law court. Yesterday was orally argued the action of George A. Willis of Windham vs. the Town of Windham, an action brought by a defacto road commissioner to recover \$300, his year's salary and rental for his horse. Town resisted payment. At nisi prius a non suit was entered and the case went to the Law court on plaintiff's exceptions. J. C. & F. H. Cobb for the plaintiff and I. L. Elder and J. H. Haskell for the defence.

The case of George P. Westcott vs. James Mitchell was also orally argued. Synmonds, Snow & Cook for the plaintiff, and Littlefield & Littlefield for the defence.

The case of Albert E. Small vs. the Adlington & Curtis Manufacturing company, an action for damages on account of personal injuries received while setting up a dust collector in the factory of the Williams Manufacturing company of Portland, acting as defendant's employee, was argued. At nisi prius in the Cumberland Superior court a verdict for \$500 was awarded plaintiff. Foster & Horsey for plaintiff, and Payson & Virgin for the defence.

Sarah E. Glynn vs. Michael Glynn was orally argued. It is an action brought by a mother to recover from her divorced husband for the support of their minor child, Charles J. Nichols for the appellant and John B. Kehoe for the appellee.

Deputy Meacher for the respondents and County Attorney Libby for the prosecution argued the appealed search and seizure cases of State vs. Henry J. Leonard, Fred Bennett, John A. Clarity and Joseph Y. Melanson. Leonard was for searching a dwelling house in the night time and the other warrants for searching a dwelling house in the day. Mr. Meacher claims they were defective.

The court adjourned early in the afternoon until this morning.

U. S. COURT.

In the afternoon the United States court was occupied in a hearing in the C. H. Clark bankruptcy case. Another argument was taken.

In the afternoon a petition in bankruptcy was filed by Eugene S. Pendexter of this city.

SAMUEL POMPLLY DEAD.

Auburn, July 24.—Mr. Samuel Pomplly, widely known as a starting judge at horse races through Maine and New England, died at his home on the upper river road in Auburn Tuesday morning.

Mr. Pomplly's age was about 37. He leaves a widow and three children, two boys and a girl, the oldest of the children being 10.

He was the brother of Isaiah and Mellen Pomplly, the former being president of the Maine State Fair. They were known as the Pomplly brothers, and were widely known as dealers in horses, buying from the Maine field for the New York and Philadelphia markets.

THE MONEY COST.

London, July 24.—The supplementary estimates necessitated by the prolongation of the war in South Africa amount to 11,600,000 pounds, making a total of \$4,500,000 voted for this purpose and bringing the total army estimates up to 70,900,133 pounds.

Troubles Of A Minister.

To benefit others Rev. J. P. W. Vernon, of Hartwell, Ga., writes: "For a long time I had a running sore on my leg. I tried many remedies without benefit, until I used a bottle of Electric Balm. A box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, which cured me sound and well." Sore, Eruptions, Boils, Eczema, Tetter, Salt Rheum show impure blood. Thousands have found in Electric Balm a grand blood purifier that absolutely cures these troubles. Satisfaction is guaranteed or money refunded by H. P. S. Gould, 577 Congress street. Large bottles only 50c.

WORLD'S RECORD GONE.

Mile in 2.02 3-4 in Hopples By Coney.

Made in Second Heat of Race at Cleveland.

Record Held by Frank Bogash Three Years.

The Saugus Meeting Yesterday a Good One.

Cleveland, Ohio, July 24.—Another world's record was made today at the Glenville track when the black gelding Coney, by McKinney paced the second heat of a race in 2.02 3-4. This is the fastest mile ever paced by a horse in hoppers. Frank Bogash has held the record for three years at 2.04 1-2. What made the performance of Coney more remarkable was the fact that he jogged under the wire. It was the second heat of the 2.03 pace. Prince Alert took the lead at the start and held it to the half, which was covered in 1.00 1-2. Then McKinney began to push Coney who was four lengths behind the leader. At the three-quarters, which was made in 1.31 1-2 he had caught Prince Alert and he was going so fast that McKinney pulled him down and he jogged under the wire an easy winner.

There was another big crowd present, but the weather was threatening until about five o'clock, when a heavy shower fell, causing postponement of the 2.15 pace and the 2.25 trot. In the 2.14 race Edwin B. was a favorite but he was beaten by Sister Alice, a rank outsider, who sold for \$15 and \$20 in pools of \$500. Henry Schmitt of Wheeling, W. Va., the owner of Sister Alice took seven thousand dollars out of the pool boxes on an investment of five hundred dollars. Coney was favorite in the 2.05 pace.

The summaries:

2.14 Class—Trotting—Purse \$1500.

Sister Alice, b. m., by Baron Wilkes (B. Kenney)	6 1 1 1
Edwin B., b. g. (Van Meter)	1 2 3 7
Alice Barnes, b. m. (Noble)	5 4 9 3
Merriment, b. m. (Geers)	2 6 10 13
Fleetwood, ch. s. (Hussey)	12 8 4 11
Minute, ch. m. (Pearce)	3 12 12 6
Dainty Daffo, blk. m. (Baldwin)	10 8 3 13
Glory, ch. g. (Gibson)	11 13 11 3
Bertha Lee, blk. m. (W. Laird)	4 6 5 5
Our Lucky, b. s. (Conley)	8 10 7 4
Pilot Evans, b. g. (Walker)	9 11 6 10
Russell Wood, b. g. (Lesman)	14 9 6 8
Twice, b. m. (Hussey)	7 13 9 9
Nancy King, blk. m. (Freeman)	13 14 14 4
Time—2.14 1/2, 2.10 1/2, 2.12 1/2, 2.13.	

2.06 Class—Pacing—Purse \$1,500 (2 in 3).

Coney, blk. g., by McKinney (McHenry)	6 1 1
Prince Alert, b. g. (Walker)	1 2 3
Ace, b. s. (McEwen)	9 3 2
William Mac, blk. g. (Green)	2 6 4
The Maid, b. m. (Curtis)	3 5 5
Indiana, b. g. (McCarthy)	6 10 10
Dan, b. g. (Erwin)	8 10 6
Exploit, g. s. (Peak)	11 8 7
Billy Andrews, b. s. (Burch)	7 7 9
Eyebolt, g. b. (Kenney)	10 11 8
Free Bond, b. g. (Miller)	4 4 4
Time—2.04 1/2, 2.03 1/2, 2.04 1/2.	

MEETING AT SAUGUS.

One of the Best in History of Old Track.

Saugus, Mass., July 24.—One of the best meetings ever held on the old Saugus track took place this afternoon with three events on the card. All were finished before darkness although none of them was won in straight heats. In the 2.15 class for trotters, Nell Gwynne beat Fire in the first heat in 2.16 1/2, after which Pug carried two heats. In the fourth Nell Gwynne was the winner but after that Pug won handily.

In the 2.12 class, Chelsea won the first heat easily, but in the second, when she was almost the victor, Tonita F. came fast at the last and won in the last time of 2.12 1/2. Gyp Walnut bore off the three last heats.

Dr. L. was the victor in the 2.28 class, the converted pace showing great bursts of speed throughout the entire race. The summaries follow:

2.15 Class—Trotting—Purse \$400.

Pug, g. b., by Deanwood (Barnes)	6 1 1 0 1
Nell Gwynne, g. m., by Alcyon, (Rathburn)	1 3 4 1 7
Con Withers, b. g. (Golden)	1 2 2 2 3
Reiter, g. g. (Ginsy)	5 4 4 4 2
Fire, b. g. (Brody)	2 5 5 3 4
St. Croix, Jr., b. g. (Stirling)	3 6 6 5 4
Time—2.10 1/2, 2.17 1/2, 2.16 1/2, 2.18 1/2, 2.18.	

2.12 Class—Pacing—Purse \$400.

Gyp Walnut, b. g., by Walnut Boy (O'Neill)	8 7 2 1 1
Tonita F., ch. m., by Keeler (Merrill)	3 1 1 2 2
Chelsea, g. g., by Gambetta Wilkes (Dore)	1 2 8 8 3
Paul Revere, ro. g. (Garth)	2 5 4 3 2
Early Bird, Jr., blk. s. (Golden)	4 3 3 4 0
Foot of Billy, br. g. (Proctor)	4 3 4 3 0
Geo. C. G. (Gilles)	7 9 7 5 0
Hyde T., b. m. (Sanborn)	9 6 5 9 0
Journeymen, br. g. (O'Neill)	5 8 6 7 0
Time—2.14 1/2, 2.12 1/2, 2.13, 2.14, 2.15 1/2, 2.16.	

2.28 Class Trotting—Purse \$400.

Dr. L., ro. g., by Ed Long, (Doble)	1 2 1 1
Leonard Belle, b. g., by Election Belle, (Potter)	9 1 9 2
Grace Lake, ch. m., (Forshner)	2 3 7 3
Leonard, b. s. (Connell)	7 6 2 5
Joe F., blk. m., (Merrill)	3 8 3 6
Cogent, b. g. (Dore)	8 5 4 3
Billy King, ch. g. (Sanborn)	5 4 5 4
Moccasin Boy, ro. g. (Cook)	4 7 8 7
Ada Lewis, b. m., (Proctor)	6 2 7 9
Time—2.20, 2.19 1/2, 2.19 1/2, 2.18 1/2.	

CANOE CABLE OPERATING.

Canoe, N. S., July 24.—The cable steamer Silvertown, engaged in laying a cable for the Commercial Cable company from Canoe to New York, completed the work yesterday and the cable is now being used for the transmission of messages, this makes the fourth cable now

operating from New York to Canoe; three from Canoe to Waterville, Ireland, and one from Canoe to the Azores, thence to Germany. As all of these cables are worked duplex, it is practically the same as eight single wires.

THEY WILL BE HERE.

Distinguished Sons of Maine Who Will Return Old Home Week.

At a meeting of the Old Home Week committee last evening, the various details of the celebration were discussed. The Mayor informed the committee that he had received replies to his letters of invitation from ex Gov. W. D. Washburn of Minneapolis, Minn., who is now at South Limerick, Me.; Governor Frank W. Rollins of Concord, N. H.; Hon. Loren Fletcher, member of Congress from Minneapolis, Minn.; and Representative Littlefield and Allen of Maine, who will be present on Tuesday, August 7th, and will participate in the afternoon exercises. Governor Pingree of Michigan wrote the Mayor that he would be unable to get to Maine for this occasion though he had planned on being here, but would be kept at home by business. No replies have been received as yet from other distinguished men to whom invitations have been sent.

GEN. DRAPER RESIGNS.

His Position As Ambassador to Italy.

Worcester, Mass., July 24.—The Gazette has a special from its Milford correspondent announcing that Gen. W. F. Draper of Milford, has sent to Washington his letter of resignation as ambassador of the United States to Italy. The announcement is declared authoritative and Gen. Draper's decision is said to be final. The reason given is necessity of attention to his private business.

WAITED IN VAIN.

Attempt to Hold Up a Train Frustrated.

Chicago, July 24.—According to the police, a daring attempt to hold up the Big Four passenger train due here at 3 p. m., was foiled yesterday by the timely warning given the authorities.

Six men and three boys, all armed with revolvers, waited several hours during the afternoon at the Drexel Park station. A wagon load of officers hurried to the scene and were met by a brisk fire which they returned. After a few minutes of fighting the police captured the three boys. The six men, three of them colored, fled. The boys told the police that the men had given them the revolvers and told them to shoot when their seniors did.

The police declare that the men evidently intended to stop the train and rob it, hoping to escape in the streets of a big city easier than would be possible in sparsely settled districts.

YELLOW FEVER IN FIRST INFANTRY.

Washington, July 24.—A dispatch has been received at the war department from Havana which says that General Lee has obtained information that leaves no doubt about the existence of yellow fever in the First Infantry at Pinar del Rio and that nine deaths had taken place reported as persons malarial are now believed to have been yellow fever. The dispatch also says that there are five suspected cases of yellow fever among the soldiers of the First Infantry stationed at Guanajay.

FOR HOW LONG.

Caracas, July 24, via Haytian Cable.—President Castro, proclamaing the re-establishment of peace throughout the republic of Venezuela. All political prisoners have been set free. The outcome has been received with great enthusiasm in Caracas.

SOUTH PORTLAND.

The Fresh Air society had an outing yesterday on the Cape Cottage grounds. They sat down to a shore dinner at the casino and in the afternoon attended the performance at McCullum's theatre.

The Pentecostal church are arranging for a series of tent meetings which they hope to inaugurate in a few days.

The social club have left for their annual outing at the Thompson and Merriam cottages at Higgins' Beach.

Most of the grocery stores will be closed today in order that members of firms and employees may attend the grocers' picnic.

Mrs. Emmerton, of Vinalhaven, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Young, of Front street, has returned home.

About 20 of the employees of the Cape railroad had a dinner at Cape Cottage Casino Monday noon. One of Manager Hatch's best shore dinners was served in a private room. Mr. J. A. Strout presided at the table as usual. After the dinner there was swimming on the beach and sports of all kinds.

Notices were issued Monday that the Democratic caucus to elect delegates to the district and county conventions will be held at the Knightsville house next Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Fort Warrens will come down to Fort Preble for a game Saturday, August 1st.

The Fort Prebles will play the Crescents at Lewiston next Saturday.

The Fort Williams nine will play the Irons of Pleasantdale Saturday afternoon on the Williams grounds, at 2:30 p. m.

FOR MCCULLUM'S THEATRE.

A large party from the islands will attend McCullum's theatre this evening. The steamer Alice Howard will leave the district wharf, Diamond island, at 6:45, and Hay View wharf, Peak's island, at 7:10 p. m. Special cars will await the arrival of the party in Portland.

MUNICIPAL COURT.

Judge Harford had quite a busy afternoon yesterday. One tramp was sent up for 10 days at hard labor, and a case of drunk was let off on promise of better behavior in the future.

The three Bedford boys who sometime ago were arrested for violation of the ordinance relating to bicycle riding on sidewalks, were arraigned and fined \$1 and costs.

ATTEMPTED HOLD UP.

"Doc" Marsh Got Away From the Would-Be Robbers.

Last night about eleven o'clock "Doc" Marsh who drives one of the night mail wagons was stopped by two men on Preble street near Libby's blacksmith shop. They asked him for a chew of tobacco which he said he didn't have. One of the men then tried to take hold of him and said: "I want a dollar out of you." Marsh was too quick for the man and got away. They did not try to catch him but when Officer Pillsbury who was within a short distance of the spot reached the place a few minutes later no trace of the men could be found.

DEATH OF ALVAH PRINCE.

Further Particulars Shed New Light on Affairs.

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS.

Lewiston, July 24.—Edgar L. Thompson of Auburn whose brother Albert has been connected with the shooting of Alva Prince at Puerto Cartes, Spanish Honduras, has received a letter from W. B. Alger, the American consul at that place, stating that he was satisfied in his own mind that Prince killed himself and was alone at the time. There is some dispute now as to the amount of money Prince had with him. Some of his friends say he took over \$500 while others declare that they know he did not have more than \$15.

Mr. Thompson has also received a letter from his brother at Pola, a place forty miles from Puerto Cartes, in which he says that Prince killed himself. He says he had been suffering from malarial fever and was homesick and despondent. Mr. Thompson denies that he showed the elder Prince only a part of the letter received from his brother and Mr. Prince himself admits that he is not positive that any was withheld. The letter that Prince has is to all appearances complete.

STAIL'S TRIPLE

Wins Another Ten Inning Game For Boston.

Boston, July 24.—In the tenth inning of today's game Stahl tripled to right centre and scored the winning run on Collins' drive over the left field fence. Both teams battled hard but St. Louis' fielding was a trifle worse than Boston's. Attendance, 1800. The score:

Boston, 5 0 3 1 0 1 0 0 0 1—12
St. Louis, 2 0 1 1 2 5 0 0 0 0—11

Base hits—Boston, 17; St. Louis, 12. Errors—Boston, 3; St. Louis, 4. Batteries—Cappie, Wells and Sullivan; Sudhoff, Jones and Grigor.

VAN HALTRENS HIT WON.

New York, July 24.—The New Yorks won today's game in the eighth inning. After one was out, Van Haltren hit down third base line for two bases and scored the winning run when Solbach dropped a safe hit into left. The score:

Pittsburg, 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1—1
New York, 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 2—2

Base hits—Pittsburg, 8; New York, 5. Errors—Pittsburg, 4; New York, 2. Batteries—Leever and O'Connor; Hawley and Warner.

DEFEATED CHAMPIONS.

Brooklyn, N. Y., July 24.—Chicago won today's game by solid hitting and Garvin's mastery pitching in the last seven innings. He struck out eight men. Jennings being a victim three times. The game took nearly three hours to finish and was marked by some brilliant playing, especially on the part of Bradley, Gansel, Chance, Dahlen and Cross. Attendance, 1500. The score:

Chicago, 2 1 2 4 0 2 0 0 0 0—7
Brooklyn, 0 0 0 0 2 0 1 0 0 0—7

Base hits—Chicago, 14; Brooklyn, 10. Errors—Chicago, 3; Brooklyn, 3. Batteries—Garvin and Chance; Howell, Nops, Farrell and McGuire.

ORTH IN GOOD FORM.

Philadelphia, Pa., July 24.—Orth today pitched his first winning game since May 31. He was in good form and in only one inning did Cincinnati secure more than one hit. Both Philadelphia and the visitors played a perfect fielding game and the locals' three runs were the result of opportune hitting. Attendance, 3,218. The score:

Cincinnati, 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1—1
Philadelphia, 1 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 3—3

Base hits—Cincinnati, 7; Philadelphia, 9. Errors—Cincinnati, 1; Philadelphia, 0. Batteries—Brodeur and Kahoe; Orth and McFarland.

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDING.

Club.	Won.	Lost.	Per. Cent.
Brooklyn,	47	37	.615
Philadelphia,	41	34	.547
Pittsburg,	41	37	.526
Chicago,	39	38	.500
Cincinnati,	36	40	.474
Boston,	35	39	.473
St. Louis,	32	40	.444
New York,	27	44	.380

DEUTSCHLAND BREAKS A RECORD.

New York, July 24.—The Deutschland, according to a cablegram received today by Emil Boas, American agent of the Hamburg-American line, arrived at Plymouth at 7:40 this morning. Her time of clearing the Sandy Hook light ship was 11:24 a. m., July 18th. The time of the passage was therefore five days fifteen hours and six minutes, (not 5:14.6 as reported on London cable this morning), which still beats all records. She developed 65,000 horse power, made an average speed of 28.25, and covered a distance of 3,035 knots.

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North Windham, July 13, 1900. jy23-3

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RECALLS AN OLD MYSTERY.

Mail Bag Found in a House on Cumberland St.

A good many years ago a mail bag disappeared that should have arrived at the Portland postoffice with several others. It was during a blinding snow storm that the mail wagon was loaded and driven to the postoffice and the exact time that the bag vanished was not known, or if it was, was not stated.

It was an affair of which little was said and which the papers touched upon but briefly. The post office authorities tried for a long time to trace the bag but their efforts were fruitless and the missing mail pouch was gradually forgotten.

A few weeks ago the owners of the house at 213 Cumberland street were called upon to make repairs and carpenters began operations forthwith. In order to reach some rotten timber at the eaves of the house it became necessary to remove a portion of the slate roofing.

Down in the dusty opening thus disclosed a workman discovered a dingy brown looking object. Reaching out his arm he drew it forth and brought to light the long lost mail bag. In one side a hole at least a foot square had been cut with a knife and the contents had been removed. No attempt had been made to break the padlock.

The pouch was delivered to the owners of the house and then to the post office authorities. To say that they were surprised would be putting it mildly. Although the authorities have kept the matter quiet and given out nothing for publication it is understood that for the past three weeks detectives have been endeavoring to get some clue as to how that pouch came to the Cumberland street house and who placed it there.

Inquiry reveals the fact that since the time of the robbery the house has had a dozen or more tenants and it will be readily understood that it is no small task to go back so far. It is said, however, that the post office authorities have quite a complete list of the tenants of the house and that before long some light may be shed upon the matter.

SEVERAL YACHTS ARRIVE.

Yesterday morning the steam yacht Surf arrived and after remaining in the harbor for a few hours sailed for a cruise.

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WESTBROOK.

Marriage of Former Westbrook Girl.

Officers of Westbrook Lodge, K. of R. Installed.

Picnic Berean Advent Sunday School.

Resignation of a High School Teacher.

Mr. E. J. Thompson, assistant editor of the Yale College Alumni weekly, is in the city on a brief visit, as the guest of Conductor H. B. Chute of the Westbrook division of the Portland Railroad company, and wife, at their home on Main street.

Workmen are engaged in re-shingling and in making some needed alterations in and about the Baptist church on Main street.

Mr. D. F. Murdoch and City Clerk Dyer of Portland were in the city yesterday on business with Judge Tolman.

Mr. Fred Hunt has gone to New York where he has accepted a position in a machine shop in New York city. Mr. Hunt was formerly in the employ of the Lamb Gasoline engine company of Portland.

The annual picnic of the Berean Advent church and Sunday school is to be held today at Underwood park. The party will leave this city on the 8.30 car.

The officers of Westbrook lodge, Knights of Pythias were installed at a meeting of the lodge held last evening. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the installation ceremony.

The Andrew J. Stackpole house on Church street is undergoing repairs.

Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Stiles of Waltham, Mass., who have been visiting relatives in this city, have returned to their homes.

Miss Cora Edwards, teacher of physics in the Westbrook High school, has tendered her resignation to the school committee.

Many Westbrook citizens will be interested to learn of the marriage of Lillian, the youngest daughter of Rev. Edward E. Bacon of Saybrook, Conn., formerly of this city. The wedding was a quiet affair and occurred at the close of the regular services last Sunday evening, when Rev. Mr. Bacon acted the audience to rise, while he performed the wedding ceremony. The groom's name is Stanford, a nephew of the late Leland Stanford, Jr., of California. Mr. and Mrs. Stanford are now residing at their new home in Brookline, but later on are to take a trip abroad.

Mr. Walter Watson of New York, has recently been the guest of friends in this city. He returned home Sunday night, accompanied by his sister, Miss Eva Watson, and his son, Master Lewis, who will remain in New York several weeks.

Dr. F. R. Barrett is to enjoy a two weeks' vacation in August at Higgins Beach, stopping at the Levi Batchelder's cottage.

Mr. William H. Swett is recovering slowly from his long illness.

Mr. Joseph Barker is having extensive repairs made on his house on Main street.

Mrs. Edward Binford and daughter of Boston are guests of Mr. Marrett Lamb and family.

Postmaster C. B. Woodman and family have returned from Higgins Beach where they have enjoyed a two weeks' vacation.

Miss Etta Raymond, one of the assistant clerks at the Westbrook post office, commenced yesterday on a brief vacation which she is to enjoy at Higgins Beach. During her absence her position in the office is to be filled by Miss Clara Norton. (Old Home Week will be celebrated on Thursday, August 9th. There will be a game of base ball between the Westbrook and Presumpscott in the afternoon at 3.30 on Warren park. In the evening a band concert will be given in front of the Westbrook Opera House, from 7 until 8 o'clock by the Westbrook band. The exercises in the Opera House will consist of an historical address by Judge F. M. Ray, an address by Hon. H. K. Griffes, also an address by the Hon. John E. Warren. It is hoped also that a poem will be read by a gifted Westbrook lady. Music of a high order, both vocal and instrumental, will be furnished during the evening. Admission to the hall will be by ticket. Each ticket will have attached to it a coupon entitling the holder to a seat. These tickets can be had free by applying to the program committee or the mayor on or after Friday of this week.

The complete programme will be published soon.

WOODFORDS.

Driver Fred W. Hayes of how eight has returned from his two weeks' vacation, a portion of which was enjoyed in the vicinity of Moosehead lake.

Mr. Percy W. Smerage and wife of Topsfield, Mass., with their young son Keith, are visiting relatives at Woodfords and Morrills for a few days.

F. E. Wheeler, the local plumber, is making arrangements for placing additional heating apparatus in the new Woodfords postal station, in readiness for use in the fall.

A long list of advertised letters is posted in the corridor of the Woodfords postal station. Many of these letters are not addressed to street and number, and in other cases, the locality of the Deering district for which they are intended, is not given consequently many of the parties addressed are not known to the officials. The new postal station is running along smoothly now, and improvements are being made in the service as rapidly as possible.

The Woodfords Universalist church will hold a lawn party on July 27th, afternoon and evening on the new church building lot, foot of Clifton street. A supper is to be served in the evening.

Miss Rachel M. Fickett, Prospect street, is enjoying a brief visit as the guest of her young friend, Miss Grace Deane of

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Woodfords, at the summer home of her parents at Old Orchard.

Master Fred Fickett, Prospect street, is at work forenoon during the school vacation this summer at the grocery store of L. P. Senter, having just accepted the position.

Mrs. Nelson Tenney, Pitt street, Oakdale, and her daughter Alice with other friends, are spending a few days at the Fifth Maine regimental cottage on Peaks Island.

Mr. George Fitzgerald is having the land surrounding his beautiful residence in Copley park, fronting on Forest avenue, graded and made into a lawn.

The street department is engaged in laying several vitrified brick side and cross walks in different parts of Woodfords.

FORMER BANKERS ANSWER.

Woodbury and York Deny Allegations of Mr. Haskell.

Edward H. York and Theodore C. Woodbury of the defunct banking firm of Woodbury & Moulton, filed yesterday in the United States District court their answers to the objections of Thomas J. Haskell for their discharge in bankruptcy. Neither of the partners appeared in person, leaving this part to their counsel, H. M. Verrill.

Eben W. Freeman, Esq., was on hand to look after the interests of Mr. Haskell. The answers of both of the members of the firm were written out and occupy several pages of paper. The allegations deny that the firm failed to keep proper books of record and account with fraudulent intent to conceal their bankrupt condition, and state that the books were properly kept. It is denied that any deposits were received by the firm on the first day of last November. All money taken in, so the members say, was put aside to the credit of the depositors to whom they were later returned.

They deny that cash books on October 15, 16, 21, 23, 30, 31 and November 1 and 9, were so kept as to show a false balance of cash on hand, and say that any discrepancies evident must be due to errors of bookkeeping or the dishonesty of the clerk having the books in charge, with both of which they are not familiar. They deny the assertion that no books of record showing information regarding Crystal water and other bonds mentioned in Haskell's objections to discharge were kept or that false entries relating to a bond sale to Walter C. Emerson were made. They admit that various books of account were not always correctly kept, but say discrepancies in them are due to errors of bookkeeping or a clerk's dishonesty. Concerning several individual stock transactions of which record was alleged to be fraudulently concealed, they declare them to be private deals of the partners and not necessarily matters of record under the bankrupt laws.

A general denial is entered of any concealment of firm property or books with fraudulent intent.

August 10 has been set as a day for hearing on objections to the firm's discharge.

BOYS SAW DOG SHOW.

Through the kindness of Mr. Taylor Coombs, the boys of the Home for Friendless Boys, by special invitation, attended the dog and pony exhibition on Tuesday afternoon, accompanied by the matron and several of the lady directors. The entertainment was greatly enjoyed by the little lads, and at the close they were all given a ride on the ponies, which to them was a special treat. They were then taken in to the adjoining tent where they were given an opportunity to see all of the trained dogs, elephants, monkeys and ponies. The directors of the Boys' Home wish to express their thanks to Prof. Gentry and his assistants for their kindness and attention in giving the boys such an enjoyable afternoon.

MARRIAGES.

In Trenton, July 14, Eugene S. Murphy and Miss Nina E. Seaver.

In Portland, July 10, Wm. F. Durgin and Miss Emma Gardiner.

DEATHS.

In this city, July 25, Raymond Eldredge, son of Rawson H. and Annie A. Evans, aged 14 months 12 days.

In this city, July 24, Albert L. Knight, aged 68 years, 8 months.

[Funeral Thursday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from his late residence, 240 Brackett street.

In this city, July 24, Astrid L. M., infant daughter of Nick and Elizabeth Hellman, aged 1 year, 3 months, 22 days.

[Funeral Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the parents' residence, Grosvenor street.

In this city, July 24, Robert Aylward Williams, aged 62 years, 11 months, 16 days.

[Notice of funeral hereafter.

[Boston and Lewiston papers please copy.]

In this city, July 24, Bridget, wife of Patrick Connelly, aged 38 years.

[Notice of funeral hereafter.

In Rumford Falls, July 16, Chas. F. Wheeler, aged 57 years.

In Fryeburg, July 18, Mrs. Grace Page.

In Norway, July 19, Vesta A. Shackley, wife of Cyrus Woods, aged 74 years.

In West Sumner, July 16, Mrs. Wm. L. Chase, aged nearly 67 years.

In Waterville, July 18, John Baneroff.

[The funeral services of the late William P. Golden will take place Wednesday at 2 p. m. at his late residence, 134 Sheridan street.

What Shall We Have for Dessert?

This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it today. Try Jell-O, a delicious and healthful dessert. Prepared in two minutes. No boiling! No baking! Simply add boiling water and set to cool. Flavors—Lemon, Orange, Raspberry and Strawberry. Get a package at your grocers today, 10 cts.

J. R. Libby & Co. FOREIGN WASH GOODS **J. R. Libby & Co.** WRECKAGE.

Two Thousand Dollars' Worth of Imported Wash Dress Goods Thursday



For One Thousand Dollars. In a word almost all our Scotch Ginghams, Scotch Zephyrs, French Satines, Dimities, Sheer Lawns, French Foulards, French and German Organdies and Muslins at HALF the first of the season's prices. It is our Half-Yearly Clearance Sale of these

goods to prepare for Autumn fabrics soon to arrive.

It is a Golden opportunity to replenish your Wardrobe with Hot Weather Wearables.

For please to remember our Hot Weather lasts into October.

Details of the Sale in afternoon papers. Sale Thursday. See Our Advertisement of Silk Clearance Sale in another column.

J. R. LIBBY CO.



What to wear depends what you are going to do. Going to travel? We have a grey suit that will never show the dust. Going to a summer resort? We have striped flannel suits which every woman knows is the latest fad. Going wheeling, camping or into a hammock? We have the clothing that will add to your enjoyment and at melted prices that are very tempting.

FRANK M. LOW & CO., Men's Outfitters, Monument Square.

READY TO EAT OUTING LUNCH, THE KENT BABY PILOT.

The cracker with a taste.

Wholesome, nourishing—one is almost a meal. Comes in an attractive pound package, right size and shape to carry handsily. Waxed paper keeps out dirt and moisture and prevents staleness. 10 CENTS of ALL GROCERS. It

SLOOP YACHT FOR SALE.

39 feet over all and 12 feet beam. The Yacht is well furnished and in excellent condition.

BENJAMIN THOMPSON, 85 Exchange St.

CITY OF PORTLAND

THE regular meeting of the Police Examining Board will be held at City Building, Room 8, at 1.30 o'clock p. m. on Tuesday, July 31, 1900. For order of business and to transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting, please be present.

Republican Town Committee.

H. R. MILLETT, Chairman.

B. F. WHITNEY, Secretary.

MAINE'S GREATEST STORE.

Bicycles at \$16.50.



Shawmuts, B. & D. Specials, Copleys, Boylstones, and children's Fays, which have been selling at twenty, twenty-five, thirty, and thirty-five dollars each will be closed out at sixteen fifty for spot cash. All are new and warranted.

There are only a few left now. There may be none to-morrow.

Sewing Made Easy.

The Standard Rotary Shuttle machine sews a third faster than the ordinary machine, with only about half as much labor. There's no jar or vibration. It's the rotary shuttle that does it. These machines are being demonstrated now in "Sewing Machine Square."

\$7.50 Lawn Swings for \$5.50.

These are all hardwood, same as our famous \$4.50 swing, only that it seats four people instead of two. There are only a few left to be sold at this reduced price.

Straw Mattings at twelve and a half cents.

These are new China Mattings of firm weave and good coloring. They are regular 18c goods. It's doubtful if there will be any more at the price when the present lot is gone.

Baby High Chairs 98c.

Strongly built of cherry with embossed leather seats.

Odd Maple Bedsteads.

\$2.50

Canvas Steamer Chairs, \$2.87

Piazza Chairs, red or green, 87c

White Enamelled Chiffonieres

with five large drawers and bevelled mirror, \$9 75

Hammocks—

all grades—two leaders at 50 cents and \$1.25

Furnace Repairing.

It's a good time now to have everything put in readiness for the first fire in the fall. We will put everything in proper shape for a very small price.

Our Exterminator Process

for all sorts of bugs and like pests is attracting attention all over Maine. Orders are coming in for the materials we use, which are easily used by anyone. It's rather pleasant and not expensive to have us do the whole thing. We guarantee perfect success or charge you nothing.

OREN HOOPER'S SONS.

WE PAY YOUR CARFARE. YOUR MONEY REFUNDED IF GOODS ARE NOT AS ADVERTISED

MARK DOWN SALE

OF LADIES', MISSES' & CHILDREN'S SUITS, JACKETS, CAPES, DRESS SKIRTS, UNDERSKIRTS, SILK WAISTS, COTTON SHIRTWAISTS, CRASH, LINEN, PIQUE, DENIM & KHAKI SKIRTS.

It has been our custom since we started in business in this city to hold semi-annual sales each year. The purchasing public has always responded to these sales because they knew they would find everything as advertised. We extend a cordial invitation to all to attend this sale, and thank the ladies of Portland and vicinity for the liberal patronage they have bestowed upon us which is the real cause of making our business the miraculous success it is considered to be. We sell more goods than any other store of the size in Maine. WHY? Because we know how to buy them, because we know how to sell them, but not how to keep them. We don't believe in carrying goods for any length of time. They must move as soon as they come in. Hence the low prices. Large sales and small profits. We propose to make the Seventh Semi-Annual Mark-Down Sale a memorable one, and therefore we quote these prices:

About 300 Ladies' & Misses' Jackets

Will go on sale at not over half of their original prices. We carry them at \$5.00, \$6.98, \$8.98, \$10.00 up to \$35.00 and propose to sell them at \$2.50 to \$17.00. **Don't wait any longer, this is the time to buy.** No coat in the store higher than \$17.50, though some cost \$28.50 to manufacture.

CHILDREN'S REEFERS.

One lot of Children's Reefers; all sizes; worth \$1.75. **Only 59c** Other Children's Reefers at \$1.08, \$1.50, \$1.98. Regular prices, \$1.98, 2.50, 2.98, and 3.98. Higher grade Reefers at less than half.

About 450 Ladies' Suits.

Our prices on suits at the beginning of the season ranged from \$7.08 to \$65. We have marked them down to less than one-half and will sell them at \$3.00, 4.98, 6.50, 7.50, 8.75, 10.00, 12.50, 15.00, 17.50, 20.00, 22.50, 25.00 and 27.50.

Most of our suits are late productions and are just as good in style as those manufactured now for the fall trade.

If you wish to economize buy your outing suits now and save money.

About 500 Dress Skirts, about 200 Bicycle, Golf and Storm Skirts. About 600 Summer Skirts.

All of the newest designs, in the most desirable materials, will go on sale at about two-thirds of former prices.

Dress Skirts from \$1.98 to \$3.00. Formerly \$2.98 to \$4.50.

Summer Skirts from 39c to \$5. Former prices from 59c to \$7.50.

Storm Skirts from \$3.50 to 7.50. Regular prices from \$5 to 12.

SALE NOW IN PROGRESS, AND WILL CONTINUE TILL TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 31.

LADIES' UNDERSKIRTS.

One lot of Underskirts in all desirable colors, accordion plaited bottom, very desirable material for summer wear. Regular price \$1.25. **Our sale price 89c**

SILK UNDERSKIRTS.

Mercerized Underskirts. In black or colors at about three-fourths of regular prices.

SILK WAISTS.

Wash Silk Waists at \$1.98, worth \$3.50. Taffeta Silk Waists at \$2.98 and 3.98. Worth from \$4.50 to 7.50.

Don't miss this opportunity. Goods can be exchanged forenoons only. We shall alter and guarantee a satisfactory fit free of charge, not regarding the Low Prices. Your RAILROAD FARE paid one way on a \$5 purchase both ways on a \$10 purchase.

R. M. LEWSEN & COMPANY,

538 Congress Street.

DON'T MISTAKE THE STORE.

LOOK FOR THE WHITE AND GILT FRONT.

THE PRESS.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS TODAY.

J. R. Libby Co.—2
Kent Pilot.
Glen Hooper's Sons.
Notice.
Solar Baking Powder.
Frank M. Law & Co.
Owen Moore & Co.
Caucus.

New Wants, For Sale, To Let, Lost, Found and similar advertisements will be found on page 6 under appropriate heads.

CASTORIA

Bears the signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER.

In use for more than thirty years, and

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Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.

has been used over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays pain, cures wind colic, regulates the bowels, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea whether arising from teething or other causes. For sale by Druggists in every part of the world. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, 25 cts a bottle.

BRIEF JOTTINGS.

Today the Westbrook Advent Sunday school will go to Underwood, leaving here on the 9:15 car.

On Thursday a Sunday school will come in from Gorham and go to Underwood for a picnic.

A petition in bankruptcy has been filed by Ivory P. Moulton of Sanford.

These declarations of matrimonial intent have been filed at the city clerk's office: Ira E. Fletcher of Farmington, N. H., and Alice E. Bailey of Portland; Hugh L. Frosty of Portland to Inez M. Knight of Yarmouth.

The W. S. Shaller & Thomas company to manufacture and deal in vehicles and springs has been incorporated. Capitalized at \$100,000. President, Charles F. Libby of Portland; treasurer, Stephen B. Young of Portland; directors, Charles F. Libby and Stephen E. Young, both of Portland. Certificate approved July 21.

Fire Chief Eldridge has awarded John O. Ross of Scarborough the catering privilege at Deering Oaks on the day of the Old Home Week fire muster. No entries for the muster have been received, but they will begin to arrive in a day or two.

The city messenger was engaged yesterday in serving notices of a hearing on the widening of Brentwood street, to be given on August 23d.

A blind dog fell off one of the docks in the harbor yesterday afternoon and was pulled out by a policeman who sent him to the station. The dog, having no collar on, was put in the gas box and killed.

The statement which has appeared in print that the receipts of the Portland post office for the month of June, 1900, were less than those for June, 1899, is incorrect. The correct figures are: For June, 1900, \$13,196.95, and for June, 1899, \$12,314.66—an increase of \$882.29.

The picnic of the Cumberland Bar will be held on Friday. The annual dinner this year will be eaten at the Gem of the Bay hotel, Prince's Point.

There will be an important meeting of the committee on public buildings this forenoon.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. Antoine Dorticos gave an informal tea yesterday afternoon for Miss Lisle Leigh and her aunt, Miss Alexander, at her home on Linden street. The rooms were beautifully decorated, with sweet peas, asparagus and nasturtiums. Miss Bessie Myrshall served punch, assisted by Miss Helen Haines.

Mr. Charles L. Lufkin and family have closed their home on Linden street and will spend the next month on the Cape shore.

Mrs. William Milliken and Mrs. James Hall are at the Ottawa.

Mrs. Horace McGuire of Rochester, N. Y., is visiting her parents, Judge and Mrs. Bonney.

Miss Lena Douglass of Bath is the guest of Mrs. Austin D. Sullivan, State street.

Mrs. Alice Howe of Pearl street, who went abroad with the first Elwell party, returned Monday night.

The engagement of Miss Elsie M. Pike and Mr. Arthur C. Wescott is announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson and little daughter of Vaughan street, are at the Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Dean of Hersey street, have been entertaining a family party the past week including Mrs. C. J. Dean and Miss Frances Dean of Spokane, Wash., Mrs. Frank Martin and Miss Margaret Martin of Camden and Mrs. J. H. Dean of South Thomaston.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Davis and two sons of West street, are at the Ottawa house.

Mr. George McKenney, who has been long one of the faithful employees of the Portland Railroad, and who is looked upon as one of the most efficient motormen, will shortly go on the police force as a special policeman. He has a great many friends in the city who wish him good fortune in this position.

Mr. Harry L. Smith, formerly in the office of the Consolidated Electric Light company in this city, but for the past year in business at Troy, N. Y., is visiting his old home in Portland. He leaves tomorrow for Wyoming where he is to locate in business. Mr. Smith is a son of ex-Alderman Edwin L. Smith.

Mr. Benjamin B. Foster, son of Mr. Moses H. Foster, Spring street, has received a certificate of entrance into the medical school of Harvard university.

Mr. Foster fitted with Rev. P. E. Calvert, university school, Portland.

B. C. Addison, Esq., of Bangor, a well known lawyer, was in the city yesterday on business.

Mr. George W. Stinson of the Harry

Weissinger Tobacco company is at the Falmouth hotel.

George F. Clifford, Esq., of Cornish is at the United States hotel.

Col. Reilly, commandant of the Watertown Arsenal, is on an inspecting tour of the fortifications of the city. Yesterday he visited Fort Preble and today he will look over the guns at Great Diamond Island. Thursday the big guns at Fort Williams will be tested.

Mr. Harry H. Frost, who is engaged in the mercantile and trust business in New York, Philadelphia and St. Louis, is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. N. Higgins of Winter street.

Capt. Williams, battery "O," what is known as the siege battery of the 7th artillery, has been ordered for duty in China. Capt. Williams was at one time commanding officer at Fort Preble, succeeding Capt. Rogers of the 3d artillery.

Superintendent J. M. Herbert of the Grand Trunk is in the city.

THE GENTRY SHOW.

Prof. Gentry's famous dog and pony show now exhibiting on Congress street, close their three days' stay with a matinee and evening performance today, and move to Bath, Augusta and Bangor.

Although this new bidder for public favor came to Portland apparently unknown, the lovers of fine dogs and ponies were quick to recognize in the street parade something out of the ordinary and consequently the promoters have fared remarkably well at all the performances which have been steadily on the increase each day.

Outside of the wonderful feats of the trained dogs, monkeys, baby elephants and ponies, it is well worth the price of admission to see and hear the expressions of admiration and approval of the little ones, to say nothing about lots of the elders.

People hereabout who have traveled the world, and our best judges of horse-flesh and dogs, pronounce Prof. Gentry's collection one of the finest in the world.

When not performing, this happy family, as Mr. Taylor Coons, the general manager for Prof. Gentry, is proud of calling this outfit, are always busy playing some trick on each other. After the performance yesterday afternoon, "Monkey" the black faced monkey, who plays Dr. Murphy and attends a sick horse in the first part of the performance, was reaming about the reception tent and was treated to "Pug-Ugly," the most diminutive pony of the lot, who was enjoying a bar of sweet pop corn.

This opportunity was not lost with "Mac," as the animal men have nicknamed him, who immediately grabbed the pop corn from the pony and sealed the centre pole to the top of the tent, much to the amusement and chagrin of the pony.

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The more one visits a menagerie of this kind the more attached they become to it as the different animals are there seen and appreciated in their different moods.

The exhibition is so well advertised now, and today being the last day of its stay, here is not a doubt but that the large and spacious tents will be well and comfortably filled at both the matinee and evening performances.

FIRST GUN FIRED

At Preble's Mortar Battery Yesterday.

The Shores Echoed Under Strong Concussion.

Marked Day in Progress of Military Science.

Everything Satisfactory to Delight of Many Observers.

Although the eyes and picturesque spots along the cape shore were somewhat disturbed by the echoes of the monster mortars which belched forth yesterday, it is worthy of note that the day marked an epoch in the history of military science, so far as we have seen it here.

Many will recall the day when the only menacing engines of war were smooth bore old guns which stood silently over the parapets of Preble. Yesterday, in one of the pits which have been constructed under the special direction of the Engineer Department stood what might be designated four elephants of modern warfare. They were 12 inch mortars, in weight about 14 tons each, and forming only a part of the system of 16 mortars of like calibre which constitutes an integral part of Fort Preble's fortification.

To prepare for what might be called an innovation in our defensive system, in 1888 excavations were made, under the personal direction of Capt. Field, acting of course under the direction of the Engineer Department. Work has progressed most satisfactorily and that the mortars in any one pit could be tested as they were yesterday is a cause of satisfaction to all concerned. The test yesterday was not a public one. It was almost precipitated, we might say by the arrival of Col. Reilly, commandant of Watertown Arsenal, who has been sent here to inspect the mounted guns in our harbor. On arrival of Col. Reilly, Capt. Bailey, the very efficient commandant at Fort Preble, made every arrangement, in the matter of detail, for the manning of the mortars, and in the pits were ordered two gunner commanders, two corporals and twenty gunners. This detail, though not up to authorized strength, met all the requirements of the proposed test. All therefore was

ready. To watch proceedings, there was a gathering of prominent military officials. Major Roessler who constructed the battery, and his clerks, officers from Fort Williams, Capt. Field and his associate workmen, all these were present besides many who occupy cottages near by, the latter no doubt impelled by interested motives as to know how they would personally fare when the final concussion came.

There was a stir in the pit about 3:30 o'clock. A huge shot weighing 800 pounds, length over three feet, was pushed down the throat of the gun, conveyed on an ordnance truck, and following it came a charge of brown prismatic powder weighing 42 pounds. Elevation was fixed in this first trial at an angle of 47 degrees. Connection was made with the electrical room, and then by order, everyone left the pit, seeking vantage points to watch the trajectory of the heavy missile. The button is touched and high in air flew the shot over its trajectory, reaching a range of 5500 yards.

The first test was a sort of curtain raiser, for the next experiment was made not with one but rather with four of the monsters of war who roared quietly on their trunnion beds.

Into all four of these were thrust sixty pounds of powder, and the 800 pound shot, but the elevation was ordered at fifty degrees.

Again under the influence of the electrical touch, they all belched forth, and like four big birds the projectiles started on their course whose careenings in the air were watched by eager spectators until at length they dropped, say in some spot along the Cape shore, distant from their starting point 6,000 yards.

The two tests thus described ended the work of the day to the satisfaction of the inspecting officer, Col. Reilly, who remarked that the mechanism of the mortars, so far as relates to traversing and emplacement, seemed to be all right. Doubtless Capt. Bailey was pleased for the men, under his training, were acquainted with all the details of their duty showing the results of excellent instruction.

The day marked the advance of military science, Gunnery of the olden days could not have marked out with accuracy the location of its falling shots, but yesterday Capt. Bailey with his glasses could determine just about where his dangerous projectiles would fall, and seeing the coast near by clear, gave the signal to fire. While safety in the case of yesterday was the determining consideration, some other day destruction might be accomplished.

The day apart from its scientific aspect had a humorous side. Quiet cottagers in the neighborhood were aroused by the breaking of glasses in their windows, and many sashes were driven to a curious angle. Such are the forces of nature. Destructive to friends as well as enemies—we mean of course unless due precaution is taken.

DR. THWING'S ELECTION.

Farmington, July 24.—President Charles F. Thwing, D. D., LL. D., of Western Reserve University, Cleveland,

O., has received word here of his election as president of the college department of the National Education association. The next annual meeting, he says, will be held, either in Cincinnati, or Detroit, next July.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

UNDERWOOD SPRING.

Now that the season is about half done the Fadettes will play special selections by request, if they have the music for them. Requests should be sent in one week in advance in order that there may be time to announce them in the published programmes. This ought to prove a popular feature with the many friends of the orchestra. For this afternoon and evening, as well as tomorrow afternoon and evening, the programme will be as follows:

"The Three Guardsmen," Ringwald
Concert Waltzes—Perle de Madrid, Lamotte

Overture—Stradella, von Flotow
Abendlied (trio for cornet and two horns), Carl

Misses White, Dodge and Cunningham.
Dance of the Hours, from the opera
La Gioconda, Ponchielli

Selections from The Mikado, Sullivan
During this week there are large audiences afternoon as well as evening, for there are a number of private picnic parties who have been and are to be there. As a picnic and public pleasure ground there is no better place anywhere than Underwood. It has many obvious features which commend it to family or social gatherings.

THE GEM.

"The Idler" has proven a delightful entertainment at the Gem theatre this week and the striking contrast afforded the serious society drama by C. Haddon Chambers, compared with that howling farcical comedy of last week, adds an interest to this beautiful society play of an absorbing heart interest.

M'CULLUM'S THEATRE.
There was several hundred more people at McCullum's theatre last night than ever attended a Tuesday evening performance of any play ever presented by Manager McCullum in Portland. The reason for the large attendance last night is found in the imposing production of "Shenandoah" the famous military drama being presented there this week.

This play is the most interesting drama that has been offered to amusement lovers this season and its presentation by the splendid McCullum company calls for unstinted praise.

RIVERTON PARK.

The programme of the International Vaudeville company at Riverton park this week appeals particularly to every lover of fashionable vaudeville for the several acts that it embraces and the artists that are introduced represent the best in their respective lines in this branch of the amusement business.

Tegge and Daniels, the well known Dutch comedy team, provoke a large quantity of laughter by the humor of the dialogue in their sketch and the dancing of Miss Daniels is not excelled by any artist in this line.



A BOTTLE OF HAY'S FRUIT PUNCH

In your picnic basket should not be forgotten. A wholesome and perfect beverage. Compact and easily carried.

A 50c quart bottle makes enough for 12.

H. H. HAY & SON, Middle St.

The Trolley

CARS all stop near our office. How handy to bring that work to be dyed or cleansed.

WE DO OUR WORK RIGHT.

FOSTER'S DYE HOUSE,

13 Preble St.

Our Jewelry Store

Is packed with everything new in the Jewelry line. We have the most complete stock in the city. Come to our store we can show you everything usually found in a first class jewelry establishment.

McKenney,

THE JEWELER,

Monument Square.

By 2nd St. North

RAILROADS IN GOOD CONDITIONS.

August 1, July 24.—The members of the board of railroad commissioners J. B. Peakes of Dover, Frederick Danforth of Gardiner and Benjamin F. Chubb of Biddeford, returned today from their annual inspection of the different railroads in the state. The commissioners report that the roads were found to be in a most satisfactory condition and steadily on the gain for perfection in all branches. The commissioners will inspect the Bangor & Acadia Railroad Home Week, August 6 to 11.